

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (currently amended) A system for describing and extracting application information, comprising:

(A) a first computer system, said first computer system further comprising:

- (1) an input device;
- (2) a display device; and
- (3) a processing unit, said processing unit further comprising:
  - (a) a processor;
  - (b) memory; and
  - (c) a long-term storage device;

(B) a second computer system, said second computer system further comprising:

- (1) an input device;
- (2) a display device; and
- (3) a processing unit, said processing unit further comprising:
  - (a) a processor;
  - (b) memory; and
  - (c) a long-term storage device;

(C) a first version of an application program resident on said long term storage device of said processing unit of said first computer system; [[and]]

(D) a second version of said application program resident on said long term storage device of said processing unit of said second computer system; and

[[ (D ) ] ] ( E )      [ [ a ] ] means for migrating files and settings associated with said application program from said first computer to said second computer, wherein said means for migrating further comprises:

- (1) an application interface file identifying how to convert said settings from said first version to said second version of said application program;
- (2) a communication channel between said first computer system and said second computer system;
- (3) a console in communication with said application interface file, said console configured to scan said first computer for said files and settings to be migrated to said second computer; and
- (4) a self-extracting auto-migration package built by said console, said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprising said files and settings for migration to said second computer, said self-extracting auto-migration package configured to update said second version of said application program with said files and settings of said first version.

Claim 2.      (cancelled)

Claim 3. (currently amended) A method for extracting and migrating application information, comprising:

- (A) loading a Personality Package corresponding to a user, said Personality Package further comprising user settings, user preferences, application programs and data files for migration from a source computer to a destination computer, said Personality Package corresponding to specified application versions;
- (B) executing said Personality Package;
- (C) getting a file;
- (D) copying said file, and determining whether migration of additional files is required and if additional files are required returning to said getting a file step;
- (E) getting a registry;
- (F) copying said registry;
- (G) getting application version specifics, and testing to determine if destination application versions in said destination computer match said application versions specified in said Personality Package, and generating an error if said destination application versions do not match; and
- (H) updating links.

Claim 4. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said console module further comprises:

an executable program that scans for environment settings and files to be migrated and builds said self-extracting auto-migration packages.

Claim 5. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said console further comprises:

an edit function.

Claim 6. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said console further comprises:

a filter for determining which settings and file types are to be included in a said self-extracting auto-migration package.

Claim 7. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is a self-executing file.

Claims 8-9. (cancelled)

Claim 10. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package is editable by a user.

Claim 11. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein self-extracting auto-migration package is password protected.

Claim 12. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes data compression.

Claim 13. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes an operating system conversion capability.

Claim 14. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes disk space verification.

Claim 15. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises a text description capability.

Claim 16. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises options for handling duplicate files.

Claim 17. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package includes the capability of performing unattended installation of files.

Claim 18. (previously presented) The system for describing and extracting application information, as recited in claim 1, wherein said self-extracting auto-migration package further comprises user-defined profiles.

Claims 19-20. (cancelled)

Claim 21. (new) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

determining whether said file is a shell link; and

if said file is a shell link, adding said file to a shell link list.

Claim 22. (new) The method of claim 21, further comprising updating shell links in said destination computer using said shell link list.